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OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

AMAZIAH CHURCH,

UNION CO., MISS.,

Friday, Saturday and Monday, Sept. 19, 20 & 22, 1873.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Correspondence.
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3. Report on Foreign Missions.
4. Report on Documents and Publications.
5. Report on Orphans' Home.
6. Report on Ministerial Education.
7. Report on Mississippi College.
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10. Report on Systematic Benevolence.
11. Report on State of Religion.
12. Report of Executive Board and appointment of same.
13. Report on Finance.
14. Report of the Treasurer.
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16. Appoint the place of holding the next meeting of this body.
17. Elect a brother to preach the next introductory sermon.
18. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

AMAZIAH CHURCH, September 19, 1873.

The delegates composing the Chickasaw Association met in its thirty-fourth session.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M. by Eld. J. T. Potts, from the 7th verse of the 1st chapter of Nahum. The congregation was dismissed one hour for refreshment.

At 1 o'clock P. M. the Association was called together by singing, Eld. W. W. Finley in the Moderator's seat.

Prayer by Eld. A. B. Smith.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for the transaction of business.

Eld. G. W. Potter and Bro. N. M. Berry were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the several churches were called for and read, and delegates' names enrolled. (See statistical table.)

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers to effect a permanent organization, Elds. J. B. Gambrel, A. D. Trimble and E. D. Miller, acting as tellers of the election, which resulted in the choice of Eld. W. W. Finley as Moderator, and E. Smith, Clerk.

The Moderator, on resuming his seat, thanked the body for the renewed confidence thus expressed, and made a short and appropriate address to the Association.

Petitionary letters were called for, when the London Hill Church, through her delegates, presented a letter petitioning admission into this body, which was read and the petition agreed to. The right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator to the delegates.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Divine Service—The pastor and deacons of this church, with H. Kirk, S. H. Plant and E. Hale.

On Arrangement of Business—Eld. G. W. Potter, and Bros. C.

A. Short and J. E. Boatright.

On Domestic Missions—Elds. H. L. Finley, I. Smith and B. H. Morgan.

On Foreign Missions—Eld. J. T. Pitts and Bros. E. M. Brewster and W. N. Swain.

On Mississippi College—Bros. N. M. Berry, G. A. Logan and Hall.

On Systematic Benevolence—Eld. W. L. Reynolds and Bros. L. Souther and B. Jackson.

On the State of Religion—Eld. J. Boswell and Bros. A. G. I. and J. M. Gray.

On motion, all brethren present in good standing were invited to seats with this body.

Resolved, That one half hour of each morning, during the session of this body, be spent in devotional exercise.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Eld. E. D. Miller.

SECOND DAY.

7 SATURDAY MORNING—9 o'clock

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and engaged in devotional exercise, conducted by Eld. B. B. Smith.

Prayers by Bros. T. H. Smith and Eld. J. J. Dubose.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

On Sabbath Schools—Eld. B. B. Smith, and Bros. N. M. Berry and J. Briggs.

On Ministerial Education—Elds. G. W. Potter, I. Smith and Bro. N. M. Berry.

On Documents and Publication—Elds. G. W. Potter, H. L. Finley and J. T. Pitts.

On Orphans' Home—Bros. C. A. Short, B. Jackson and H. W.

On Finance—Bros. J. T. Short, G. W. Hampton and U. A. Tenney.

The Committee on Arrangement of Business made their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

The Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles were read.

A petitionary letter was presented and read from the Free Church, asking admission into this body, which was agreed to,

the hand of fellowship given to the delegates by the Moderator.

The following correspondence was received:

From the Judson Association; Elder A. B. Smith; from the Cold-water Association, Elds. E. D. Miller, J. J. Dubose and Bro. T. H. Smith; from the Oxford Association, Eld. J. B. Gambrel; from the Aberdeen Association, no correspondence; from the Yallabusha Association, no correspondence; from the Tippah Association, Eld. M. P. Lowrey, who was recognized as President of the Baptists State Convention, who read a circular letter addressed to the District Associations of the State from that body.

Eld. E. D. Miller was recognized as agent for the Foreign Mission Board. Eld. A. D. Trimble was recognized as Superintendent of the Orphans' Home.

The Committee on Domestic Mission made their report, which was ably discussed by Elds. J. B. Gambrel, M. P. Lowrey and others, when a collection of \$23 was made for Domestic Missions. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Adjourned to 1 o'clock, to hear a sermon by Eld. E. D. Miller.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 1½ o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Gambrel.

The Committee on Mississippi College made their report, which was discussed by Elds. J. B. Gambrel and M. P. Lowrey. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee on Publication read their report, when it was discussed by Elds. E. D. Miller, G. W. Potter and M. P. Lowrey, and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Eld. E. D. Miller and others, was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

On motion, leave of absence was granted Elds. I. Smith and J. T. Pitts, on account of sickness in their families.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. I. Smith.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 10 o'clock Eld. J. B. Gambrel preached to a large and gathering congregation.

At half past 11 o'clock, Eld. M. P. Lowrey preached to a concourse of attentive listeners in his usual earnest style of preaching the gospel of Christ. The good accomplished can only be known in the future.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING—9 o'clock

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, met pursuant to adjournment engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Eld. J. B. Gambrél and A. D. Trimble. Minutes of Saturday read and agreed to.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was discussed and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, which was discussed by Elds. G. W. Potter, B. B. Smith and N. M. Berry. Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Committee on the Orphans' Home made their report, which was discussed by Elds. A. D. Trimble, J. B. Gambrél and G. W. Potter. Adopted. (See Appendix H.)

A collection was taken up for said Orphans' Home of \$41.75.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The Report on the State of Religion was read and adopted. (See Appendix J.)

The Executive Board made their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix K.)

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended in order to elect the Executive Board by acclamation, when N. M. Berry, H. T. Pitts, M. W. Cox, E. M. Stephens and E. Smyth were chosen.

Adjourned for one hour for refreshment. Prayer by W. L. Finley.

Met at 1 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Eld. W. L. Farmer.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix L.)

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Judson Association, Elds. W. W. Finley, H. L. Finley, Bros. B. Jackson, A. Giton and J. B. Gambrél.

To the Tishamingo Association, Elds. J. T. Pitts, G. W. Potter and Bro. E. Smyth.

To the Coldwater Association, Elds. I. Smith, H. L. Finley, L. Reynolds, and Bros. J. H. Morgan and H. Kirk.

To the Oxford Association, Eld. H. L. Finley, and Bros. R. Stocks, S. M. Steward and E. M. Brewster.

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To the Aberdeen Association, Eld. T. Gorley, and Bros. W. L. Souter, J. M. Barksdale and E. F. Jackson.

Correspondence was dropped with the Yallabusha Association on account of the distance.

To the Tippah Association, G. W. Hall, R. W. Spencer and E. Smyth.

To the Baptist State Convention, Elds. W. W. Finley, J. Boswell, G. W. Potter, H. L. Finley, J. T. Pitts, I. Smith, B. B. Smith, and Bros. H. Kirk, S. H. Plant, J. T. Short, S. M. Steward, C. G. Mitchell, E. Hale, J. H. Morgan, W. L. Souter, E. Smyth, W. N. Swain, N. M. Berry, C. A. Short and S. H. Woods.

The Committee on Temperance read their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix M.)

The regular order of business was suspended in order to select the place for holding the next session of this body, when it was agreed to hold it with the Church at Abbeville, on the Central Railroad.

Elected Eld. G. W. Potter to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. W. L. Reynolds alternate.

Requested the Clerk to write a letter of correspondence for all the bodies with which we correspond, and have it published in these minutes.

Appointed Eld. W. W. Finley and Bro. H. Kirk to distribute the minutes in the second district.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. (See Appendix N.)

Twenty dollars and seventy cents was laid on the table on the ring being exhibited, which has been for some years sold as a donation, made for Domestic Missions, by a beloved sister.

The Association elected Eld. W. W. Finley to attend the Commencement of Mississippi College as one of the Board of Visitors.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Abbeville, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1874.

After a thrilling address by the Moderator, and singing one of the songs of Zion, and the giving the hand of fellowship and love, thus closed a most harmonious meeting of the Chickasaw Association.

E. SMYTH, Clerk.

W. W. FINLEY, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

[B]

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions would report: That we believe past experience, as well as the unerring Word of God, that an efficient evangelist is a power, not only among the destitute, but among the churches.

1. It is our conviction that we ought to have such evangelist.
2. That he ought to act in the double capacity of evangelist and agitator, stir up our brethren on all subjects that we cherish as a body.
3. That he travel among the destitute, and build up churches where advisable.
4. The past history of Missions in this Association should be a stimulus for future action. We have representatives to-day in different parts of the world. Oh! how cheering to the hearts of our elder brethren to behold the Lord has wrought through their instrumentality. May God give us grace to do our whole duty, is the prayer of your committee.

Respectfully,

H. L. FINLEY
I. SMITH,
J. H. MORGAN

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REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee of Mississippi College beg leave to report: That we are thankful to be able to say that the Institution is still in a prosperous condition. Near two hundred students were in attendance at its last session, five of whom are young ministers. This fact alone should elicit our hearty support, sympathies and prayers.

The endowment enterprise, we are happy to learn, is still progressing with encouraging prospects of raising the sum of fifty thousand dollars by the last of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Chairman

[D]

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee, would recommend the publication of those parts of the minutes of the union meetings that refer to times and places of holding next meetings, special sermons, essays and queries. We most heartily recommend all our brethren to subscribe for and read Kind Words, as we think it the most excellent paper for families and Sunday Schools. We also recommend the Home and Foreign Journal. Also the Orphans' Home Banner, published at Lauderdale Springs, Miss. We most heartily recommend all our brethren to subscribe for and read the Baptist, published at Memphis, which, on account of its unwavering zeal in the advocacy of the peculiar views that ever distinguished Baptists from other denominations, merits the hearty support of every

Baptist in the land. This paper stands as the great beacon light to guide us safely through the dangers by which we are on every hand beset. The Mississippi Department of the Baptist, edited by Bro. Lowrey, we especially recommend, as it is most ably conducted, and eminently sound on all points. The success of the agent of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, located at Memphis, Tenn., should be a source of gratitude and rejoicing with every true Baptist in the South, for here we feel confident we shall soon be able to obtain such literature as shall be entirely free from all political bias, and all those errors in doctrine that are so pernicious in their tendency. We would most earnestly urge all the brethren of this Association to lend a helping hand to this noble enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER, Chairman.

[E]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report: That the Lord is still blessing the labors of his servants in foreign fields. In China especially, the indications are that the Lord is assisting his people by his Providence to occupy and possess that benighted land. Its teeming millions are stretching out their hands and inviting us to come and give them the bread of life. Oh, let us send of our means for this great object, and let our prayers ascend continually for our Missionaries in foreign fields, and for the success of the gospel there.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. PITTS, Chairman.

[F]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial Education is a subject of great importance to us as a denomination, and there is reason to believe that but few of us feel the importance as we should. It is true that some are very much impressed with the idea of careful preparation for the work of the ministry, which is an encouraging indication. We believe it to be our duty as an Association, as far as we can, to encourage our young ministers, by counsel and material aid, to obtain the best education they can for their work. But it may be well for us to carefully consider what course of training is best suited to each one proposing to engage in the glorious work in view of attending circumstances. We feel constrained to say, we do not believe it best for all who are, no doubt, impressed by the spirit to preach to seek what is usually called a classical education. And, while we feel to rejoice in the belief that we are leaving behind us many of the prejudices which influenced some of our people in the past, yet there may be danger, in our zeal to rid ourselves of past prejudices, of losing, in some measure, sight of those primary qualifications, without which no one can ever be a good minister of Jesus Christ. Regeneration and a spiritual call to the work of the ministry are essential qualifications for the holy work. The training of these gifts of God to the churches, we consider to be the imperative duty of the denomination. Then, while we proceed with care, let us also go forward with zeal corresponding to the greatness of the work.

We rejoice in the fact that we have a school in our own State, and a school, too, of our own, in which our young ministers can find ample assistance to them, both of a literary and theological character. We believe Mississippi College to be equal, if not superior, to any other in the South, in a literary point. And we are confident the Theological Department will meet the demands of our denomination in this State. We therefore recommend all our young brethren who are seeking an education for the ministry, to go to Clinton College.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER, Chairman.

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report: That we believe this is one of the most important subjects claiming our attention. The preaching of the gospel we deem first in importance, and what this great work to the general congregation, the Sabbath School work is to the children. The language of Pharaoh's daughter to the mother of Moses: "Raise this child for me," is the command of God to us who are parents and guardians. Training a child in the way it should go, is the plain teachings of God's Word. Where can we place our children, when out of the family circle, where the facilities may be enjoyed for gaining religious instruction, as in the Sabbath School Children meet and will be engaged, and if not engaged in learning that which is good, evil, like a flood, will pour into their minds and hearts, the consequence will be that they will be wrecks upon society, and, above perhaps, their souls lost to eternity. Hence the importance of placing children where their minds may be stored with useful knowledge. Fortify the mind with Bible truths, and you have the only weapon given us to repel the assaults of the great enemy of souls. We therefore most earnestly recommend to the serious consideration of the churches in our bounds, the importance of great work. We recommend all parents and guardians to take a deep interest in, and attend regularly their Sabbath Schools, for the encouragement of the children, and for their own benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. SMITH, Chairman.

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REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home ask leave to submit the following report: The voice of the Baptists of Mississippi has been: We will support the Orphan's Home. The Trustees have heeded that voice, and are looking to them to do this Association being one of the largest in the State, they have a right to expect us to come forward with a liberal hand in sustaining this noble institution. It being now a strictly Baptist orphans' home, it is for the fifty thousand Baptists of Mississippi to make it a glorious success, or a disgraceful failure.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. A. SHORT, Chairman.

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REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your Committee is deeply impressed that the great want in advancing the different enterprises of our denomination, is some uniform system by which every member may be made to feel his or her personal responsibility in contributing to the Lord, as he has prospered them; and we would suggest that the members would join their efforts with their pastors to set on foot a plan of giving a small amount, monthly or quarterly, by each member; and we think by this plan we can do much in sending the Word of Life to our destitute lands, and building up our cause. Let us remember that all we have has been given to us by the Lord, and let us pray God to give us willing minds to be our part in this great work, both by giving our substance and praying God blessing upon our efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

[J]

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in our bounds beg leave to submit the following: From the reports that have come up from many of our churches, we are justified in the conclusion that the cause of our blessed Redeemer is advancing in the bounds of our Association. The number of baptisms for the last Associational year was 187; for the present year, 227. Thus you will see that the present year has an advantage of 40 over the number baptized last year. This advantage, though comparatively small, calls for hearts of deepest gratitude. Let us, therefore, thank God and take courage. But while we do rejoice at the onward march of our Savior's cause, yet we are deeply impressed with the fact that we have not attained that measure of success that is our duty and high privilege to attain unto.

The question naturally arises—why is not our success greater? There are many things that tend to cripple our efforts and prevent greater results. We cannot name them all in this report. One or two we will name. The first is, there is too much conformity to the world on the part of professors. Second, there is a want of entire consecration to the cause of Christ on the part of many. Other causes we might name, but we have not space. In conclusion, we would earnestly recommend the entire membership of our Association to obey the injunction of the Apostle, to present our bodies a living sacrifice to God. Yes, time, talents, money; all, yea all, bring them and lay them upon the altar of God. We would recommend that prayer-meetings be established in every church. And we further recommend, and that very earnestly, too, that all our brethren who are heads of families, and have not been in the habit of praying in their families, that they at once erect a family altar; and this in obedience to the directions of God's word, train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and let us, in imitation of the pious Jews of Malachi's time, speak often, one to another. Talk about Jesus—his love to man. Encourage each other in the great cause of the Master; provoke each other to love and good works. In short, let us take unto us the whole armor of God, and, being thus equipped, let us enter the conflict with the blessed assurance that God will give success to our efforts. We feel assured, if these suggestions are faithfully carried out, that the results of the ensuing year will be much greater than anything heretofore realized. May God grant that it may be so, is our prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES BOSWELL, Chairman.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board would ask leave to report that they were so fortunate as to secure the services of our beloved brother, Eld. H. L. Finley, as a missionary for one half of his time from the 1st of January last, a synopsis of whose report is in the following words:

"Traveled 400 miles; preached 50 sermons; delivered 35 exhortations; visited 65 families; assisted in the construction of one church; held three protracted meetings, assisted by Eld. J. D. Anderson, in which there were over 45 converts, 18 of whom I baptized. Others were baptized by Bros. Anderson and Reynolds; circulated over \$150 worth of our denominational literature; raised by subscription for the mission work, \$30."

We also agreed to assist the Durcan's Creek Church in supporting a minister this year. It will be recollected that this is a small church brought in by missionary labor at our last Association, and is located in an inviting and promising field. Your Board also employed for a period of three months, our highly esteemed young brother, Eld. J. D. Anderson, whose labors, as far as known, were well received, and we trust that much good was accomplished. He reports 64 sermons preached, 765 miles traveled, 140 families visited, 237

religious conversations and 26 prayer-meeting attended; visits to Sabbath Schools, 10; visited 28 churches and 5 stations; visits to the sick, 5; baptisms, besides acting as pastor at Temperance Hill and filling a month's pointment at Fredonia. At this important place a church was constituted which, we believe, by the blessings of God, will be one of much efficiency and influence in a very short time. The labors of another year are thus briefly before you. The mission work seems to widen before us. The labor of past year with the attendant success of our beloved missionaries, should stimulate increased liberality, so that your future Board may be furnished with the means of sending forth to other destitute fields earnest laborers into the Master's vineyard. In conclusion, dear brethren, pray earnestly that your future Board may be divinely directed, and especially for the success of the gospel preached by your missionaries.

Respectfully submitted.

E. SMYTH, Chairman

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REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance ask leave to submit the following:

Amaziah.....	\$2 75	Abbeville.....	\$1
Antioch.....	—	Bethel P. C.....	1
Bethel L. C.....	2 20	Cypress Creek.....	3
Cherry Creek.....	5 85	Friendship.....	2
Liberty.....	3 70	Mt. Pleasant.....	2
Mt. Pisgah.....	2 55	New Hope.....	1
Pleasant Ridge.....	2 25	Pleasant Hill.....	1
Philadelphia.....	4 00	Pine Grove.....	2
Oakmeter.....	2 00	Pine Flat.....	2
Spring Hill.....	2 00	Shady Grove.....	1
Shiloh.....	2 50	Temperance Hill.....	1
Salem.....	3 00	Union.....	3
El Bethel.....	3 50	Midway.....	2
Tocopolo.....	3 00	New Albany.....	2
Bluff Springs.....	3 00	Duncan's Creek.....	1
London Hill.....	3 50		
Fredonia.....	1 50		
Spring Creek.....	2 40		
		Total.....	\$82

The above amounts were received for minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. SHORT, Chairman

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report: To be temperate in all things is one of the great commands of God. No one can fully enjoy life who lives in violation to this command. And while we recommend strict obedience to this command in order to promote our general happiness, we think to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We, as Christians, especially should avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Oh, the glimmering influence that a Christian exerts when he thinks no more of his relationship to Christ than to suffer that poisonous liquid to enter his system and cause him to blaspheme the name of his Creator, thereby crucifying the Savior afresh and put him to an open shame. Therefore we, for the sake of moral worth and Christian duty, recommend that no Christian dare to touch the unclean thing if they wish to promote the cause of our Blessed Redeemer.

C. A. SHORT,
E. M. BRESTER,
R. C. RIVES.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer, in account with Chickasaw Association.

1872.

Sept. 20th—To cash, balance on hand as per last report..... Dr. \$204 15

1873.

May	—To cash per Eld. W. L. Slack, on old subscription.....	10 00
Aug. 17th	—To cash per E. Golding.....	2 50
" "	" " " " D. E. Mitchell.....	5 00
Sept. 20th	" " " " Temperance Hill Church.....	30 00
" "	" " " " Bethel (Lafayette county)	10 00
" "	" " " " Salem Church.....	10 00
" "	" " " " B. Huckaby.....	2 00
" "	" " " " H. L. Johnson.....	2 50
" "	" " " " B. J. Caldwell.....	5 00
" "	" " " " Pleasant Ridge Church.....	18 50
" "	" " " " Tocopolo Church.....	12 00
" "	" " " " Cypress Creek Church.....	6 75
" "	" " " " S. H. Plant	5 00
" "	" " " " collections for Domestic Missions.....	23 00
" "	" " " " per Spring Creek Church.....	5 00
" "	" " " " Cherry Creek Church.....	33 00
Sept. 21st	" " " " Public collections on Sabbath.....	32 70
" "	" " " " Amasiah Church.....	15 00
" "	" " " " Duncan's Creek Church.....	5 00
" "	" " " " Philadelphia Church.....	13 25
" "	" " " " Shiloh Church.....	4 50
" "	" " " " W. A. Smith.....	5 00
" "	" " " " Abbeville Church.....	30 00
" "	" " " " on sale of bibles, testaments, etc.....	51 25
" "	" " " " on old subscription of Shiloh Church.....	6 50
" "	" " " " per Eld. H. L. Finley's subscription.....	15 00
" "	" " " " Sale of ring.....	20 95

Total..... \$583 55

1872.

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Sept. 30th	—By cash sent Treasurer of Orphans' Home.....	\$ 32 85
Dec. 3d	" " " " M. T. Sumner.....	17 87
" "	" " " " H. A. Tupper.....	32 82

1873.

Aug. 17th	—By cash paid Eld. J. D. Anderson.....	180 00
Sept. 21	" " " " Eld. H. L. Finley.....	225 00
" "	" " " " Eld. W. W. Finley.....	60 00
Amount due by Treasurer to balance.....		35 01

Total..... \$583 55

Respectfully submitted.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To the Religious Bodies Corresponding with the Chickasaw Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—The last session of our body was held with Amasiah Church, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1873. The churches composing the Association, with few exceptions, were represented, and many of them reported revivals of religion. There were

about two hundred and thirty baptisms reported by the churches. The le from many of the churches indicated a growing interest in the subject Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings.

The meeting of our body was characterized by great harmony and brotherly love. All the business was transacted without an unkind remark or interruption. The delegates exhibited a commendable liberality toward every one of Christian benevolence which was presented during the session. Our meeting will be held with the church at Abbeville, on the Central Railroad.

Affectionately yours in love,

ELIJAH SMYTH, Clerk.

W. W. FINLEY, Moderator

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up to-morrow, at each of places of preaching, to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered members of this church and citizens of this vicinity for their kind reception and hospitality extended to us during the session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Moderator and Clerk for the faithful manner in which they have performed their respective duties during the present session.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have as many copies of the minutes printed as the funds will secure, retaining twenty dollars for his services.

UNION MEETINGS.

The Union Meeting, Second District, of the Chickasaw Association, will be held with Spring Creek Church, meeting on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1874. The introductory Sermon to be preached by E. W. W. Finley. The following subjects and business were specified:

1. Church Discipline—J. E. Boatright.
2. Who are the Primitive Baptists, the Missionary or Anti-Missionary?
3. Family Prayer—I. M. Gray.
4. Justification—Eld. B. B. Smith.
5. Duty of Churches to their Pastors—J. T. Brown.
6. Christian Consistency—F. M. Ferrell.
7. Sanctification—Thos. Gorley.
8. What constitutes Obedience to Christ?—W. H. Murphy.
9. What is Gospel Repentance?—Eld. T. H. Smith.
10. What is Gospel Salvation?—Eld. H. Pritchard.
11. What are the Scriptural Duties of Deacons?—N. H. Ward.
12. The duties of Churches to give their Pastors a specified Salary—J. E. Morgan.
13. Church Behavior—C. A. Short.
14. Duty of Churches to keep up Prayer Meetings—W. M. Ward.

The following queries for discussion:

1. What course shall a church pursue with a member who never attends his church meetings?
2. What course shall a church pursue with a member who persistently refuses to assist in defraying the necessary expenses of his church.
3. What course shall a church pursue with a member whose general deportment is such as to bring reproach upon the cause?
4. Is Heaven a place or state? What saith the Scriptures?

The Union Meeting of the first District will meet with the church at New Albany, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in August. Eld. G. W. Potter to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. I. Smith alternate. The fol-

lowing brethren were appointed to write essays upon the subjects in connection with their names, viz:

1. Communion—Eld. J. T. Pitts.
2. Church Discipline—J. B. Gambrell.
3. When and where was the Gospel Kingdom set up?—Eld. G. W. Potter.
4. Family Government—N. M. Berry.
5. The sin of Covetousness—D. C. M. Bigham.
6. Evidences of the New Birth—Eld. Jas. Boswell.
7. Importance of searching the Scriptures—B. F. Leavell.
8. Cultivation of Brotherly Love—E. Smyth.
9. Youthful Piety—C. O. Potter.
10. Utility of Prayer Meetings in the Church—W. L. Souther.
11. Importance of Church Music—Eld. I. Smith.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

ORDAINED MIINISTERS.

W. L. Reynolds, Cornersville.
L. M. Ball, Cherry Creek.
James Boswell, Cherry Creek.
J. Crosby, Lafayette Springs.
T. Gorley, Tocopolo.
H. L. Johnson, Serepta.
I. Smith, Wallerville.
Martin Parker, Paris.

J. T. Pitts, Cherry Creek.
F. M. Ferrell, Lafayette Springs.
W. W. Finley, Lafayette Springs.
B. B. Smith, Lafayette Springs.
H. L. Finley, Abbeville.
G. W. Potter, Wallerville.
H. Pritchard, Walton.

LICENTIATES.

F. Mize, Paris.
G. W. Smith, Esparanzo.
J. Huckaby, Malino.
J. M. Gray, Cornersville.
W. H. Hobbs, Abbeville.
W. H. Murphy, Jr., Tocopolo.
Isaac Briggs, Hickory Flat.

A. G. Perry, Cornersville.
W. N. Swain, Cornersville.
W. G. Jeter, Pentotoc.
B. T. Stokes, Abbeville.
J. A. McMillan, Abbeville.
F. M. Ferrel, Jr., Tocopolo.
S. M. Steward, Oxford.

PLEDGES TO BE PAID AT THE ASSOCIATION IN 1874.

H. L. Finley.....	\$30 00	J. E. Boatright.....	\$ 5 00
Tocopola Church.....	10 00	H. L. Martial.....	2 50
Salem Church.....	10 00	H. G. Perry.....	2 50
Cypress Creek.....	10 00	W. L. Reynolds.....	5 00
Liberty Church.....	15 00	G. W. Potter.....	20 00
Midway Church.....	16 50	B. B. Smith.....	5 00
Bethel L. C.....	10 00	G. W. Hall.....	5 00
London Hill Church.....	10 00	U. A. Temple.....	5 00
Friendship Church.....	10 00	H. Kirk.....	5 00
New Hope Church.....	10 00	A. Q. Greer.....	5 00
Mt. Pisgah Church.....	10 00	J. Gamell.....	2 00
Cherry Creek Church.....	30 00	A. Henderson.....	5 00

Spring Creek	H L Finley	J M Grey, J H Morgan, A Q Greer	13	7	14	70
Temperance Hill	No pastor	A N M. H. Gains, W R Golding	1	13	91	Third.
Tecopolito	W F Finley	A J M. Hall, W Stock, A Gullick	1	2	3	Third.
New Albany	I S Smith	W Munsell, W W. Thompson,	6	1	53	Third.
Pine Flat	I S Smith	W Powell, P P Watts, W W. Thord	1	10	1	Fourth.
M Parker	New Albany	J B Reed, P M Steward, T Lancaster	54	8	3	Second.
London Hill	London Hill	A Henderson, W Raney, J H Ramsay	2	6	1	Fourth.
Oak blanchard	W W Kirkland	J J Baker, D T McConny, G A Rootner	14	2	1	Fourth.

Delegation names marked with an * were absent.

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